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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: David E. Daws et al.

Appln. No.: 10/658,988

Filed: September 9, 2003

For: Hardware Assembly for CVI/CVD Processes

Attorney Docket No: 4865-162

Examiner: Rudy Zervigon

Art Unit: 1763

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Reply to the July 14, 2006 Office Action (9p);
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$ _____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$ _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$ _____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

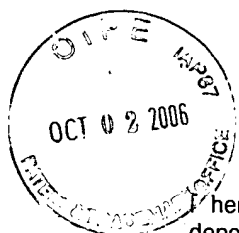
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REPLY

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2006, please consider the following amendments and remarks below.